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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 8280

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TALK WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ABOUT AID MATTERS NOVEMBER 7, MINISTER OF FINANCE NGON SANANIKONE STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE RUSSIANS WERE NOW COMMITTED TO BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL IN LUANG PRABANG. HE SAID THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HAD TAKEN RATHER LEGALISTIC APPROACH REGARDING AID TO LAOS AND HAD DUSTED OFF A 1963 AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD BUILD NEW HOSPITAL IN VIENTIANE. SOVIET EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY PRIME MINISTER OR ACTING PRIME MINISTER THAT DURING INTERVENING YEARS, VIENTIANE HAD RECEIVED MORE THAN ADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES FROM THE AMERICANS AND HAD ASKED TO TRANSFER THIS PROPOSED PROJECT TO LUANG PRABANG.

2. COMMENT. IN OUR VIEW, FOREGOING IS FAR FROM CONFIRMED. IF THE RUSSIANS UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT, IT WILL BE COSTLY AND LONG DRAWN OUT, AND WHILE IT
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WILL HAVE SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT IN THE LUANG PRABANG

AREA, IT DOES NOT AMOUNT TO A MAJOR COMMITMENT BY
THE SOVIET UNION TOWARD POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HERE.
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